



Task Force Reactive Nitrogen

Dear Colleague

As discussed earlier in the summer, our planned meeting of the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen (TFRN-3) rapidly approaches, which will be hosted at Hotel Ibis Amsterdam Airport (Schipholweg 181 - 1171 PK - BADHOEVEDORP - NETHERLANDS, Tel : (+31)20/5025100 Fax : (+31)20/6570199; <http://www.ibishotel.com/gb/hotel-0649-ibis-amsterdam-airport/index.shtml>), near Amsterdam on 24-25 November 2009. The outline agenda is attached.

You will recall that this is an additional meeting in the calendar of the TFRN, with the main purpose being to finalize our input to the Working Group on Strategies and Review (WGSR) regarding the options for revision of the Gothenburg Protocol related to ammonia. In particular, our work will focus on agreeing options of varying ambition for revision of the Gothenburg Protocol Annex IX, together with relevant updates to the Guidance Document for the control of ammonia emissions. As far as possible within the framework of the Gothenburg Protocol, we will also consider the options for a more holistic management of reactive nitrogen.

Following TFRN-2, work over the summer has allowed the TFRN Expert Panel on Mitigation of Agricultural Nitrogen meeting in Dublin (24-25 September, EPMAN-3) to make significant progress in preparing the basis for our discussions. The agreed documents arising from EPMAN-3 will be mounted on the website of TFRN-3 by 24 October. In addition, if you would like to make a written reaction to any of these documents, or provide any other documents in advance of TFRN-3, we would encourage you to supply this by 12 November, so that your information can also be mounted on the website.

While the main focus of TFRN-3 is on preparing inputs for Gothenburg Protocol revision, you will see from the agenda that we have not forgotten the wider objectives of the TFRN. In this regard, we will include additional presentations on the Expert Panel on Nitrogen Budgets and on the new Expert Panel on Nitrogen and Food. While receiving reports from these panels the Task Force will not deliberate in detail with these topics, but shall do so during TFRN-4.

To register for the TFRN-3, please visit the web link at www.clrtap-tfrn.org/tfrn-3, where you can also find access to the scientific background information.

Please note that next next full meeting of the Task Force (TFRN-4), will be held in Prague on 11-13 May 2010, hosted by Michaela Budnakova and Pavel Čermák of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic. We would encourage you to mark your diaries.

Finally, we extend our congratulations to our TFRN coordinator Clare Britton, who, some of you will already know, was married during September: a warm welcome to Clare Howard, our newest TFRN member!

With best regards

Mark Sutton and Oene Oenema